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Missing pieces of success

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Kentucky tracks U.S. in sluggish job recovery

KENTUCKY HAS BEEN generally tracking the U.S. as a whole in terms of total job growth since the last recession, but has not yet regained the jobs it lost. A recent study by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce indicates the state recovered from the 2007-2009 recession on pace with the national average. However, some key indicators show the Commonwealth could be doing better.

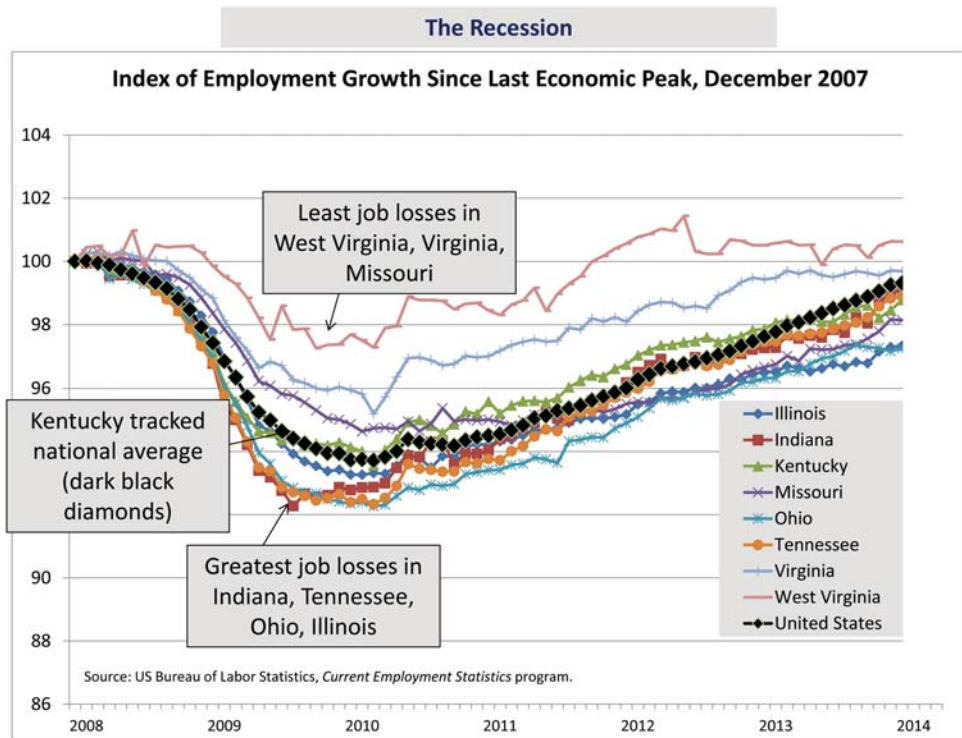
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Senior Economic Advisor Dr. Paul Coomes, Emeritus Professor of Economics at the University of Louisville, recently analyzed data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics (BLS) to determine how Kentucky was faring in recovery from the recession.

“The Commonwealth shed 104,000 jobs in the last recession, measured from peak to trough,” said Coomes. “Since the trough in July 2009, Kentucky has added on net 65,000 jobs, through March 2014, according to BLS.”

Coomes says that among bordering states, Indiana and Tennessee have posted the strongest job growth since the recession, though they also had the largest percentage job loss during the recession. Among border states, Kentucky holds the second lowest rate of employed working-age adults – just 56%, when the national average is 59%.

“Moving this rate up 3 percentage points, to the national average, would be the equivalent of adding 100,000 more jobs,” said Coomes.

According to Coomes, Kentucky has also shown minimal gains in average earnings per job, largely due to the industrial composition of job growth. In 2013, Kentucky’s average yearly pay was \$46,400 – more than \$9,000 below the



national average. This trend, however, was apparent prior to the recession – the state has lost ground against the national average since 1979.

The Chamber study also found that just seven industries accounted for almost all of the job growth in Kentucky since 2009:

- Employment services (primarily temporary job services)
 - Auto equipment manufacturing
 - Educational services
 - Restaurants
 - Ambulatory health care
 - Nursing and residential care
 - Transportation and warehousing
- Three industries – construction, coal

mining, and personal services – have shown major decreases in employment since 2009.

“It is encouraging that Kentucky continues to recover from the Great Recession,” said Kentucky Chamber President and CEO Dave Adkisson. “However, Dr. Coomes’ research shows some troubling trends that we must work to overcome. It is my hope that these statistics will encourage a dialogue about how Kentucky can become more competitive in job growth in the future.”

Download the Chamber’s economic report at kychamber.com/2014economy



BUSINESS SUMMIT AND ANNUAL MEETING

July 21-22 - Louisville Downtown Marriott

NBC’s Chuck Todd to keynote Annual Meeting



Chuck Todd is the Chief White House Correspondent for NBC.

NBC NEWS Chief White House Correspondent Chuck Todd will present the keynote address during the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce’s Business Summit and Annual Meeting on July 21. During the event, presented by Bingham Greenebaum Doll, Todd will present his views on national and state politics.

“Chuck Todd is one of Washington’s foremost experts on political campaigns of all levels,” said Kentucky Chamber President and CEO Dave Adkisson. “I’m sure he will offer his insights about the high profile U.S. Senate race here in Kentucky and speculate about the 2016 presidential race.”

Outside his duties as Chief White House Correspondent, Todd is currently co-host of “The Daily Rundown” on MSNBC and an adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins

University. Todd began his career in political journalism in 1992 at the National Journal’s *The Hotline*. He is also co-author of *How Barack Obama Won: A State-by-State Guide to the Historic 2008 Presidential Election*.

Now in its ninth year, the Business Summit and Annual Meeting, scheduled for July 21 and 22 in Louisville, provides an opportunity for business leaders throughout the Commonwealth to discuss issues related to the local, national and international economies.

“The Business Summit and Annual Meeting is one of the most thought-provoking events one can attend in Kentucky. Bingham Greenebaum Doll is thrilled to once again be part of the conversation,” said Carolyn Brown, deputy chair of Bingham Greenebaum Doll’s Lexington office.

Business Summit speakers to explore what’s ahead for the Commonwealth

WHAT SHOULD Kentucky’s goals be for the future? And what needs to happen to move the state in the right direction? Those questions provide the theme of Kentucky Chamber’s Ninth Annual Business Summit and Annual Meeting set for July 21-22, 2014, in Louisville.

Summit speakers ranging from leading corporate CEOs to Kentucky’s elected officials will address topics focusing on economic growth, education, energy and key industries. In addition, a facilitated conversation among a panel of Kentucky leaders will address the state’s need for creative initiatives in the coming years.

Specifically, the agenda will include:

- U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, will present A New Vision for Kentucky’s Future

- Ted Abernathy, former executive director of the Southern Growth Policies Board, on the topic of Kentucky’s Path to Economic and Workforce Competitiveness
- Gov. Steve Beshear (invited) and U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers, on The Future of Eastern Kentucky
- Wil James Jr., president of Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky, Inc., on The Future of Toyota, the Auto Industry and Kentucky’s Economy
- Virginia B. Edwards, president of Editorial Projects in Education and editor in chief of *Education Week*, on Kentucky’s Education Bet: Will It Be a Future of Progress and Promise?



Abernathy



Beshear



James



Edwards



Rogers



Adkisson



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Check out the Best Places to Work in Kentucky Magazine included in this mailing to learn more about the 2014 winners – including the 56 Kentucky Chamber members that made the list.

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Chairwoman touts importance of early childhood education

KENTUCKY CHAMBER Chairwoman Elizabeth McCoy, president of Planter's Bank in Hopkinsville, stood alongside Gov. Steve Beshear and Stu Silberman, executive director of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, during a news conference in March urging support for quality early childhood care and education programs.

The news conference was held in response to a recent report by America's Edge that shows investments in early childhood programs provide a significant economic boost for businesses and help develop a skilled workforce.

"Looking longer term, we know that today's 4-year-olds are the workforce of tomorrow," said McCoy. "Every child who enters the workforce with the skills Kentucky businesses need will help our state and our communities stay competitive in an increasingly challenging global marketplace."

The America's Edge report shows investments

in high-quality early care and education programs can generate immediate sales of local goods and services, attract workers, create jobs and aid in long-term economic security in Kentucky. ReadyNation/America's Edge is a national organization of business leaders who support proven education investments that strengthen businesses and the economy.

"This report supports what we are doing in Kentucky to focus our time and resources on early childhood education. These efforts not only assist our communities but also begin preparing our future workforce at an early age," Gov. Beshear said. "Kentucky has made enormous progress in creating a seamless,



Kentucky Chamber Chairwoman Elizabeth McCoy joined Gov. Beshear to discuss the importance of early childhood education during a news conference at the Capitol.

cradle-to-career education system that is better preparing students for a complex world. We must continue to partner with education, business, and state and local leaders to maintain our progress and to highlight the information in this and other studies."



Ted Abernathy, former executive director of the Southern Growth Policies Board, last spoke to the Business Summit audience in 2012. He will return to the Summit this summer, speaking on the topic of Kentucky's path to economic and workforce competitiveness.

FROM THE FRONT

Summit panel to include Kentucky leaders

- Mike Duncan, president and CEO, American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity, on The Future of Coal and Kentucky's Economy
- Paul Coomes, emeritus professor of economics at the University of Louisville, on The Future of the Nine Economic Regions of Kentucky

- State Auditor Adam Edelen
- Hal Heiner, owner/partner of Capstone Realty, Inc.

The leaders will be interviewed by Kentucky journalists Al Cross, director of the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues at the University of Kentucky; Bill Goodman, managing editor and host of *Kentucky Tonight* and *One to One* on KET; and Sam Youngman, political reporter for the Lexington Herald-Leader.

The summit will be held at the Louisville Marriott Downtown July 21 and 22. For more information or to register, visit our website kychamber.com/businesssummit.

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Joanne Wallen, Club Manager, Lexington Tennis Club

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Chamber influences important legal victory

THE KENTUCKY SUPREME COURT agreed with the Kentucky Chamber and upheld the actions of the Kentucky Court of Appeals in a class action lawsuit against Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky, Inc. (TMMK). A trial court reopened the case, first filed in 1999, more than six years after it was dismissed by the court, more than five years after that decision was unanimously affirmed by the Court of Appeals, and more than four years after the Kentucky Supreme Court denied discretionary review, which made the decision final.

Kentucky competes with her sister states for jobs,



and any perceived willingness to re-litigate final judgments based on post-judgment changes in the law would put it at a competitive disadvantage to every other state, particularly given the practically uniform precedent holding a case should not be re-opened on such grounds. The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce filed a friend of the Court brief in this case arguing that reopening settled claims would create significant uncertainty and negatively impact the business climate of Kentucky. Both the Appeals Court and Supreme Court agreed with the Chamber and reversed a lower court ruling.

“This is a significant victory for small businesses in

particular,” said Bryan Sunderland, senior vice president. “Absent a reasonable degree of certainty and predictability, small business owners are much less willing to place their capital at risk by hiring new employees or investing in new equipment. Without finality of legal decisions, certainty and predictability are abolished.”

The Kentucky Court of Appeals reversed the lower Court decision to reopen the case in November 2013. Their decision was made final by the Kentucky Supreme Court on April 9, 2014, when it denied a review of the Court of Appeals decision. The Kentucky Chamber was represented by D. Eric Lycan and Christopher Slaughter of Steptoe and Johnson PLLC.



Eric Lycan



Chris Slaughter



Kentucky Chamber member company Baptist Health Louisville is one of six member companies to be named a Best Place to Work in Kentucky for all 10 years of the program.

Chamber members named Best Places to Work in Kentucky for 10 consecutive years

WHAT DOES WORKPLACE

excellence look like? The answer to that question is complicated and differs by numerous variables from each individual employee to the industry to the company culture. However, there are some basic benefits that the Best Places to Work in Kentucky survey identified as consistent with our 10-year winners: offering a wellness program, a choice of health-care plans, the opportunity to invest in a retirement savings program and tying performance to compensation.

The Kentucky Chamber is proud that all six of the Best Places to Work in Kentucky companies who have been winners for 10 consecutive years are our members. Their commitment to their employees makes Kentucky a great place to live and work! The 10-year winners and Chamber members are:

- Baptist Health Louisville
- Crowe Horwath LLP
- Dean Dorton
- KORT
- Stites & Harbison
- Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Moloney, PLLC

The Best Places to Work in Kentucky awards dinner was held Thursday, April 24, 2014, at Heritage Hall in the Lexington Convention Center. The event was presented by Kentucky Career Center and the State Information Data Exchange System (SIDES). For a ranked list of winners, see the insert that was distributed with this publication or visit bestplacestoworkky.com.



Kentucky Chamber Chairwoman Elizabeth McCoy during the Best Places to Work in Kentucky Awards Dinner in Lexington on April 24.



KENTUCKY CHAMBER NEWS BRIEFS

CROCKETT, HARRIS ELECTED TO BOARD

Hood Harris and John Crockett III were recently elected to serve on the Kentucky Chamber's Board of Directors. Harris is president of AT&T Kentucky, and Crockett is chairman of Frost Brown Todd.



Crockett



Harris

CHAMBER FORMING GROUP TO REVIEW WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS

A skilled workforce is critical for the success of Kentucky and its employers, and the state has a variety of programs focused on workforce training. The question is whether these programs are getting the job done for Kentucky's businesses. The Kentucky Chamber is convening a working group of representatives of private sector employers to address that question and recommend ways to improve the state's workforce training system. If your company is interested in participating in this group, please contact Diana Taylor at diana@taylor-gray.com for more information.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The nomination process is now open for Kentucky Chamber Board of Directors seats beginning on Oct. 1, 2014. Nominations should contain name, title, organization, city and a brief statement of leadership activities. For more information, or to nominate an individual, contact Candy Keeton at 502-848-8741. Nominations are due by May 23, 2014.

POLICY COUNCILS NOW FORMING

You can also get involved with shaping the 2015 Legislative Agenda by participating in the Chamber's policy council meetings this summer. For more information, contact Beverly Standifer at 502-848-8733.

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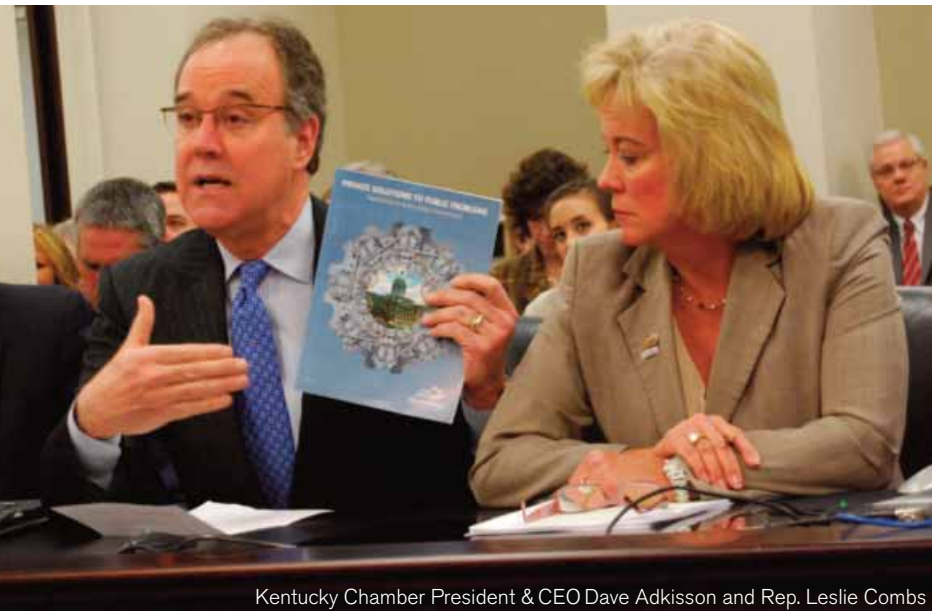




2014 KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Results for Business

What passed. What didn't. And what it means to your bottom line.



Kentucky Chamber President & CEO Dave Adkisson and Rep. Leslie Combs



Kentucky Chamber Chairwoman Elizabeth McCoy



Kentucky Chamber Public Affairs Manager Ashli Watts

2014 session missing key pieces of success

Lack of legislative progress disappointing

THE STATE BUDGET is always the giant in the room when the General Assembly meets in even-numbered years. That's understandable, since the two-year spending plan sets policy and determines the direction of state agencies across the board.

As the giant, the budget gets the most legislative time and attention, particularly in the closing days and hours when differences between the House and Senate are debated in marathon (and sometimes contentious) negotiation sessions.

This might make it understandable that, in so-called budget sessions, there generally is limited progress on other initiatives. Add the fact that even-numbered years also find all House seats and half of the Senate seats on the ballot, and you have a scenario that favors slow walking on the policy front.

Again, that might be understandable. But understandable and acceptable are two entirely different things, and the missed opportunities of the just-concluded 2014 session falls well into the "disappointment" category.

Granted, the 2014-2016 enacted budget does include several positive elements, particularly in its restoration of funding for elementary and secondary education that was lost during the recession and full funding of the Kentucky Retirement System (KRS). There were positive targeted tax relief measures for industries such as our signature bourbon industry and a tax incentive to encourage "angel" investments in new start-up companies.

Juvenile justice reforms won passage to give youthful offenders a better chance of turning their lives around. And the legislators standing strong against efforts to increase workers' compensation costs, politicize the Public Service Commission, repeal the state's tough academic standards and enact onerous coal-mining restrictions was commendable.

But even a limited review quickly reveals a list of negatives far longer than Kentucky can afford.

At the top of the list is the legislation nicknamed "the P3 bill" to develop a mechanism for greater use of public-private partnerships to save taxpayers' money and create a transparent, accountable process of contracting for needed services or infrastructure projects.

The P3 bill passed the House by a 10-to-1 margin and Senate by a 3-to-1 margin, both with overwhelming bipartisan support. But Gov. Steve Beshear vetoed the measure because of a House amendment that would prohibit the use of tolls to help finance the reconstruction of the Brent Spence Bridge in northern Kentucky. And, unfortunately, the House – where the bill originated – declined to override the veto, meaning it did not come up for further action in the Senate.

In our view, the bill was the most important piece of job creation legislation passed this year, and, as such, had the support of more than 35 civic and business organizations. The governor's veto was unnecessary and should have been addressed with swift legislative action in the final days of session. This was definitely a missed opportunity to move Kentucky forward – and to catch up with the 34 other states where public-private partnership laws already exist.

In addition to the negative outcome for the partnership legislation, this session came up short in many other key areas as well (see chart).

When Kentucky voters approved the constitutional amendment to allow annual legislative sessions, it was with the hope that every session, every year, would mean progress for the state. The 2014 session fell far short of that mark.



Public-Private Partnerships

HB 407 (Combs) would have authorized the use of public-private partnerships (P3s) by state and local governments to encourage competition for private sector investments, save tax dollars and promote transparency and accountability. Every state bordering Kentucky already has P3 legislation. (Passed General Assembly, vetoed by governor, not considered in House for override)



Smoke-Free Workplaces

HB 173 (Westrom) and SB 117 (Denton) would have prohibited smoking in all indoor public places and workplaces and received overwhelming support from Chamber members. (Not considered)



Medical Review Panels

SB 119 (Denton) would have implemented a medical review panel process for cases brought against health care providers to help put an end to the growing number of meritless lawsuits that increase Kentucky's health care costs. Medical review panels will have a stabilizing influence on our medical malpractice system, making the state more attractive to employers while helping to retain and attract quality healthcare providers. (Passed Senate, not considered by House)



Telecomm Reform

SB 99 (Hornback) would have modernized Kentucky's outdated telecommunications laws to encourage investment by telecommunication companies in modern high-speed broadband internet and mobile services. (Passed Senate, not considered by House)



Charter Schools

SB 211 (Wilson) would have allowed persistently low-performing schools to be designated as charter schools in order to provide more flexibility to turn around schools that are not meeting the needs of students. HB 85 (Montell) would have broadly authorized charter schools in Kentucky. (SB 211 passed Senate, not considered by House)



Local Option

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PRO-BUSINESS LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES

The following measures were considered positive by the Kentucky Chamber and were enacted into law in the 2014 session of the General Assembly.

Bourbon Tax Credit

HB 529 (Butler) enacts a “Bourbon Barrel Tax Reinvestment Credit,” which levels the playing field for Kentucky bourbon by allowing Kentucky distilleries to take a corporate income tax credit to offset the amount of ad valorem taxes paid each year. *Passed as amendment to HB 445.*

Angel Investment Credit

HB 37 (Simpson) creates an angel investor tax credit to encourage private investment to help start-up companies grow and prosper. *Passed as amendment to HB 445.*

Lowered Statute of Limitations

HB 369 (Yonts) lowers the statute of limitations for written contracts from 15 years to 10 years.

Juvenile Justice Reform

SB 200 (Westerfield) reforms Kentucky’s juvenile justice system by helping youthful offenders redirect their lives while ensuring public safety and a more efficient use of state tax dollars.

Data Breach Notification

HB 232 (Riggs) sets forth commonsense requirements for employers to notify customers in the event of a data breach that could expose individuals to identity theft.

Small Business Credits

HB 301 (Palumbo) simplifies and streamlines the Small Business Tax Credit Program administered by the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority.

Cyber Security

HB 5 (Butler) requires state and local governments to protect citizens’ sensitive, private information and notify citizens and business owners if their data is compromised.

Contractor Notification

HB 467 (Denham) allows businesses to enter the information of their subcontractors on the Division of Workers’ Claims website and receive notification when there has been a change or cancellation in their subcontractor’s workers’ compensation insurance coverage. *Passed as amendment to HB 84.*

Kentucky Environmental Standards

HB 388 (Gooch) establishes Kentucky-based standards for greenhouse gas emissions by electric utilities. This measure pushes back on U.S. EPA’s ruling to regulate greenhouse gas emissions which will drive up Kentucky’s electricity prices.

Streamlined Alcohol Laws

SB 83 (Schickel) continues the effort to modernize Kentucky’s alcohol laws by allowing the expanded sales and production of malt beverages and ciders. The measure also clearly defines the definition of a micro distillery to help start-up companies. HB 475 (Clark) allows a local option election for the sale of alcoholic beverages by the drink at state parks.

Tax Tourism Incentives

HB 493 (Adkins) would expand tourism development incentives. The idea originated from the bipartisan SOAR initiative designed to address ways to create opportunities in eastern Kentucky.

Education Financial Accountability

HB 154 (Denham) requires annual school district financial reports and annual training requirements for school finance officers to ensure tax dollars are spent efficiently on education.

BUSINESS VOICES

“The passage and enactment of HB 369 would not have occurred without the leadership & advocacy of the Kentucky Chamber. This legislation will reduce our legal risk, provide cost savings and ensure Kentucky remains competitive in attracting and retaining businesses.”

Gretchen Copley
Counsel for Corporate
& Government Affairs
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Linking Education to Employment
HB 87 (Yonts) requires higher education institutions to disseminate information regarding employment rates and earnings by degrees and academic majors. This will allow students to make informed educational choices to develop job skills.

Workers’ Comp Reporting
HB 349 (Waide) simplifies the requirement for businesses which must file tax returns, partnership agreements and articles of organization with the Department of Workers’ Claims.

ANTI-BUSINESS MEASURES DEFEATED

The Kentucky Chamber actively lobbied against the measures below and were successful in defeating them and preventing them from becoming law.

Protected Academic Standards

SB 224 (Schickel) and HB 215 (Kerr) would have eliminated the more rigorous academic standards by prohibiting Kentucky from implementing the English and Math standards, also known as Common Core standards, and the Next Generation Science Standards. (Hearing held in Senate, but no votes taken)

Protected Workers’ Comp

Several bills were filed that would have increased the costs of workers’ compensation for Kentucky employers. SB 136 (Buford), SB 137 (Carroll) and HB 507 (Sinnette) would have doubled attorney’s fees and created an incentive to reopen cases. (SB 137 reassigned to prevent vote in Senate committee)

No Kentucky Wage Mandates

HB 1 (Stumbo) and SB 215 (Rhoads) would have raised the Kentucky minimum wage far above Kentucky’s competitor states. The Chamber supports current state law that automatically indexes the state minimum wage to the federal minimum wage, rather than one that puts Kentucky employers at a competitive disadvantage. (HB 1 passed House, not considered by Senate)

No Bounties for Lawsuits

HB 335 (Stumbo) would have created a Kentucky false claims act to give private citizens a strong financial incentive to sue a company that contracts with the state alleging fraud. (Not considered)

Protected Energy Rates

SB 35 (Jones) would have expanded Kentucky’s Public Service Commission (PSC) from three appointed commissioners to seven elected commissioners. Electing the PSC would lead to higher utility rates across the state. (Not considered)

Defeated Tax Hike

HB 220 (Wayne) would have raised income tax rates, impacting a number of small business owners with pass-through income. (Not considered)

Slowing Lawsuit Growth

HB 148 (Marzian) would have created a new subjective measure, deemed “equivalent jobs.” An employer not paying the same wages to two people holding potentially different jobs of "equivalency" would be guilty of discrimination and open to lawsuits, despite wage discrimination already being illegal. (Passed House as part of HB 1, not considered by Senate)

Prevented Mandated High Cost Energy

HB 195 (Marzian) would have mandated the use of renewable energy portfolio standards in Kentucky, increasing electricity costs unnecessarily. (Not considered)

Stopped Utility Cost Driver

HB 241 (Jenkins) would have caused electric prices to increase by classifying coal ash from electric utilities as a hazardous waste and created excessive state regulations more stringent than federal rules. (Not considered)

Stopped Public Cost-driver

HB 96 (Donohue) would have unnecessarily increased costs on public construction projects by requiring construction materials, such as iron and steel, to be produced in the United States, regardless of cost or availability. (Not considered)

No Union Mandates

HB 420 (Glenn) sought to increase requirements for sprinkler fitters and require a certification and union apprentice permit. This would have increased costs to current professionals and set a negative precedent, increasing costs in the future. (Not considered)

BUSINESS VOICES

“Thanks to the continued leadership of the Kentucky Chamber ... my small business and ALL Kentucky businesses avoided large increases to our workers’ compensation system by the Chamber’s steadfast opposition to SB 137. The measure would have hobbled our workers’ compensation system with more litigation and questionable benefits. I certainly want an injured employee to receive care and commensurate benefits. This bill would have doubled lawyer fees and resulted in Kentucky losing the competitive edge we worked so hard to achieve.”

Ron Sanders
Executive Vice President
People Plus, Inc.

Blocked Coal Mining Restrictions
HB 288 (Wayne) would have continued the attack on Kentucky’s coal industry by requiring increased restrictions, beyond current federal requirements, for operating surface mines as well as reclaimed sites. (Not considered)

Bad Medicine
SB 73 (Buford) would have limited cost savings and medical review of the current preauthorization system by pharmacy benefit managers. (Passed Senate and House, but stopped late by Senate procedural move)

Stopped Blocking Energy Sources
HB 31 (Tilley) would have limited the ability to transport natural gas liquids, including propane and butane in Kentucky by denying the ability to use eminent domain in the rare instance it would be used. (Passed House, not considered by Senate)

MISSED OPPORTUNITIES

Several measures would have improved the economic climate of Kentucky. Sadly, the long list of positive, pro-business measures below were not passed by the 2014 General Assembly.

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BUSINESS VOICES

“Kentucky business leaders know that a smoke-free state will improve our companies’ bottom lines, help us attract new businesses and workers, produce a more productive workforce and ultimately save lives. This is why the Chamber fought diligently for a smoke-free workplace law.”

Tom Hudson
CEO and President
nth/works

Right to Work

HB 496 (Hoover) would have allowed workers the freedom to decide whether to join a union, which would prevent it from being a condition of employment. This is a huge factor in economic development as a key metric of competitiveness in attracting new business to a state. (Voted down by House Labor Committee)

Expanded Gaming

SB 33 (Seum), HB 67 (Clark) and HB 584 (Stumbo) would have allowed voters to decide whether to expand gaming in Kentucky to provide a much-needed boost to state revenues as well as to recoup the hundreds of millions of dollars being spent annually in casinos in neighboring states. (Not considered)

Addressing Heroin Epidemic

SB 5 (Stine) would have created more treatment beds for drug addicts and lengthened prison sentences for drug traffickers to address the growing heroin problem in Kentucky. (Passed Senate, not considered by House)

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BUSINESS VOICES

“The Chamber led the fight in Frankfort to establish common sense malpractice reform this legislative session. They were instrumental in forming a coalition of over 20 business and health care groups to establish medical review panels, so that medical practitioners can refocus on caring for patients and stop worrying about the next meritless suit from personal injury lawyers.”

Dr. Andrew Henderson
CEO
Lexington Clinic

Small Business Tax Simplification

HB 136 (Yonts) would have clearly defined the cost of goods sold under Kentucky's Limited Liability Entity Tax (LLET) which is paid by many small businesses in Kentucky. (Not considered)

Prevailing Wage

HB 419 (Hoover) would have saved taxpayers money by excluding educational buildings and facilities from the prevailing wage mandate currently in law. (Voted down by House Labor Committee)

Workers’ Comp Special Fund

SB 63 (McDaniel), HB 504 (Greer) and HB 557 (Montell) would have saved employers costs on their workers’ compensation assessments by encouraging one-time settlements on claims before 1996. It would also have phased out the siphoning of funds out of the special fund to fund the day-to-day operations of the Labor Cabinet. (Passed Senate, not considered by House)

Teacher Tenure

SB 168 (Wilson) would have permitted the suspension or termination of a teacher's continuing service contract if the teacher fails to successfully meet the requirements of a corrective action plan. (Passed Senate, not considered by the House)

Tribunal Reform

SB 169 (Wilson) would clarify the causes for which a contract of a teacher may be terminated. It would also require the commissioner of education to initiate the appropriate procedure in response to a teacher's appeal and appoint hearing officers to hear the case. (Not considered)

Contracting Sunshine Law

SB 189 (Westerfield) would have created transparency requirements for contingency fee contracts between the attorney general and private attorneys, set reasonable limits on contingency fees, and codified recent case law requirements to ensure the state remains in control of litigation when hiring contingency fee counsel. (Passed Senate, not considered by House)

Judgment Interest Reforms

SB 214 (Girdler) would have set Kentucky's judgment interest rate at the lesser of 12% or 1% above the prime interest rate in the calendar year in which the judgment is entered. (Not considered)

Pension Reform Clarifications

SB 142 (McDaniel) would have helped state and local governments reduce their unfunded liability by addressing pension “spiking,” which occurs when a public sector employee increases their creditable compensation by taking a higher paying job late in their career. (Passed Senate, not considered by House)

Nuclear Power

SB 67 (Leeper) & HB 52 (Watkins) would lift Kentucky's ban on nuclear power generating facilities in Kentucky and clarify the disposal of nuclear waste in the state. (Passed Senate, not considered by House)

Property Owner Liability

SB 78 (Girdler) would have clarified liability for landlords whose tenants own a dog that bites a person on the property. (Passed Senate, not considered by House)

Tax Simplification

HB 346 (Damron) would have simplified Kentucky tax laws with regard to calculating estimated tax payments for taxpayers whose income fluctuates during the year and attempts to mimic the penalty calculations at the federal level to ease compliance for taxpayers. (Not considered)

Clear Employer Guidelines

SB 81 (Schickel) would have created a clear set of guidelines for employers on the definition of an independent contractor. (Passed by Senate, unfriendly amendment added by House)

Public Pension Audits

HB 389 (Yonts) would have required all of Kentucky's public employee pension systems to undergo an independent audit every five years. (Passed House, not considered by Senate)

Taxpayer Fairness

HB 345 (Damron) would have stopped the Department of Revenue's unfair treatment of taxpayers by equalizing the interest rate between taxpayers' overpayments and underpayments. (Not considered)

Tax Incentives for Coal

HB 474 (Adkins) would have permitted coal mining or processing companies to potentially qualify for certain sales and use tax incentives offered. (Passed House, not considered by Senate)

Childcare Rating System

HB 332 (Graham) would have directed the Early Childhood Advisory Council to develop a quality-based rating system for licensed childcare and certified family childcare homes. (Passed House, amended by Senate, House refused to concur)

Protecting Student Data

SB 89 (Higdon) would have required Kentucky to adhere to transparency and privacy standards when outsourcing Web-based tasks to vendors and would have permitted a school council to supplement the state board-approved academic content standards with more rigorous standards. (Passed Senate, amended by House with unrelated provision, Senate refused to concur)

University Bonding

HB 261 (Damron) would permit universities to issue bonds for capital projects when there is a dedicated funding source from using a combination of cash restricted funds, federal funds and private funds and would establish conditions under which projects will be authorized. (Passed House, not considered by Senate)

Attracting Data Centers

HB 308 (DeCesare) would have exempted qualified data centers from paying certain state and local taxes to create an incentive to encourage the establishment of data centers, a fast growing industry which states are working to recruit. (Not considered)

Good Samaritan Protections

HB 304 (Moore) would have expanded liability protections for those who administer emergency care at no charge at the scene of an emergency, eliminating a disincentive for caregivers to help. (Not considered)

Bad Debt Credits

HB 516 (Pullin) would have permitted a retailer or lender to claim a deduction for bad debts or claim a refund of the sales and use tax previously reported by the retailer on the unpaid balance due on a private label credit card. (Not considered)

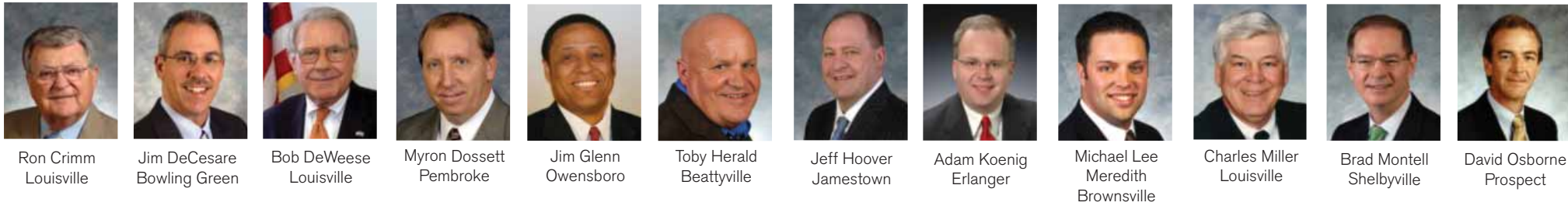
2014 LEGISLATIVE VOTING RECORD



Standing up for Kentucky business

THE KENTUCKY CHAMBER would like to extend a special thanks to the following 11 Senators and 12 Representatives whose voting record on key business issues show a dedication to the principles of free enterprise. On 90 percent or more of every key vote – sometimes with vocal opposition from labor unions and personal injury lawyers – these legislators stood strong for the business community!

House



Senate



Senate Bills			Workers' Comp Special Fund	Nuclear Power	Property Liability	Streamlined Alcohol Laws	Telecom Reform	Medical Review Panels	Juvenile Justice Reform	Charter Schools	Cyber Security	Contractor Notification	Commonsense Data Breach Rules	Early Childhood Education	Lowered Statute of Limitations	Ky. Environmental Standards	Public-Private Partnerships	Tax Credits	Alcohol at State Parks
	CHAMBER POSITION	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
BILL NUMBER	SB63	SB67	SB78	SB83	SB99	SB119	SB200	SB211	HB5	HB84	HB232	HB332	HB369	HB388	HB407	HB445	HB475		
LEGISLATOR	DISTRICT	SUPPORT %																	
Walter Blevins	D-Morehead	76%	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Joe Bowen	R-Owensboro	94%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tom Buford	R-Nicholasville	88%	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jared Carpenter	R-Berea	76%	No	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Julian Carroll	D-Frankfort	82%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Perry Clark	D-Louisville	71%	No	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Julie Denton	R-Louisville	100%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Carroll Gibson	R-Leitchfield	88%	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chris Girdler	R-Somerset	100%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
David Givens	R-Greensburg	82%	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Sara Beth Gregory	R-Monticello	76%	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Denise Harper Angel	D-Louisville	65%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ernie Harris	R-Crestwood	100%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jimmy Higdon	R-Lebanon	82%	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Paul Hornback	R-Shelbyville	94%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stan Humphries	R-Cadiz	82%	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Ray Jones	D-Pikeville	71%	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Alice Kerr	R-Lexington	100%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Robert Leeper	I-Paducah	94%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chris McDaniel	R-Latonia	100%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Morgan McGarvey	D-Louisville	71%	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gerald Neal	D-Louisville	65%	No	X	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
R.J. Palmer	D-Winchester	76%	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dennis Parrett	D-Elizabethtown	82%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jerry Rhoads	D-Madisonville	76%	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dorsey Ridley	D-Henderson	82%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Albert Robinson	R-London	65%	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
John Schickel	R-Union	82%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dan Seum	R-Fairdale	88%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Brandon Smith	R-Hazard	76%	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Katie Stine	R-Southgate	88%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Robert Stivers	R-Manchester	100%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Damon Thayer	R-Georgetown	100%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reginald Thomas	D-Lexington	76%	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Johnny Turner	D-Prestonsburg	71%	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Robin Webb	D-Grayson	53%	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Whitney Westerfield	R-Hopkinsville	82%	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Mike Wilson	R-Bowling Green	94%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

EXPLANATION OF BILLS USED IN VOTING RECORD

The roll call votes you see in this record reveal how legislators voted on bills the Kentucky Chamber publicly supported or opposed during the 2014 General Assembly (an “X” indicates the legislator did not vote on the bill). The voting record includes bills that received a full vote before the entire House and/or Senate. Please note the substance of a bill may be significantly altered during the legislative process. Unless otherwise noted, the legislation referenced in the voting record is based on the final version of the bill receiving a floor vote for each house. To access the language of the bills highlighted in this document, the Kentucky Chamber invites you to visit the Legislative Research Commission’s website at lrc.ky.gov.

House Bills



			Minimum Wage	Early Childhood Education	Ky. Environmental Standards	Public Pension Audits	Alcohol at State Parks	Contractor Notification	Streamlined Alcohol Laws	Limiting Transport of Energy	Juvenile Justice Reform	Cyber Security	Public-Private Partnerships	Commonsense Data Breach Rules	Tax Credits	Lowered Statute of Limitations
CHAMBER POSITION			No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
LEGISLATOR	DISTRICT	BILL NUMBER SUPPORT %	HB1	HB332	HB388	HB389	HB475	HB467	SB83	HB31	SB200	HB5	HB407	HB232	HB445	HB369
Julie Adams	R-Louisville	86%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Rocky Adkins	D-Sandy Hook	86%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lynn Bechler	R-Marion	86%	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Johnny Bell	D-Glasgow	71%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Robert Benvenuti	R-Lexington	86%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Kevin Bratcher	R-Louisville	71%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	X	Yes	No	Yes
Regina Bunch	R-Williamsburg	64%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Thomas Burch	D-Louisville	86%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Denver Butler	D-Louisville	86%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dwight Butler	R-Harned	86%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
John Carney	R-Campbellsville	79%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Larry Clark	D-Louisville	86%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hubert Collins	D-Wittensville	71%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Leslie Combs	D-Pikeville	79%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tim Couch	R-Hyden	71%	No	X	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Will Coursey	D-Symsonia	79%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jesse Crenshaw	D-Lexington	71%	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes
Ron Crimm	R-Louisville	93%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Robert Damron	D-Nicholasville	86%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jim DeCesare	R-Bowling Green	93%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mike Denham	D-Maysville	79%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bob DeWeese	R-Louisville	93%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jeffery Donohue	D-Fairdale	86%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Myron Dossett	R-Pembroke	93%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
C.B. Embry	R-Morgantown	79%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Joseph Fischer	R-Fort Thomas	71%	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kelly Flood	D-Lexington	86%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
David Floyd	R-Bardstown	79%	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jim Glenn	D-Owensboro	93%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jim Gooch	D-Providence	86%	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	X
Derrick Graham	D-Frankfort	86%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jeff Greer	D-Brandenburg	79%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Keith Hall	D-Phelps	71%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	No	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mike Harmon	R-Danville	64%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Richard Heath	R-Mayfield	71%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Richard Henderson	D-Mt. Sterling	71%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	X	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Toby Herald	R-Beattyville	93%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jeff Hoover	R-Jamestown	93%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dennis Horlander	D-Shively	86%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kenny Imes	R-Murray	86%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Joni Jenkins	D-Shively	86%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
James Kay II	D-Versailles	86%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dennis Keene	D-Wilder	86%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thomas Kerr	R-Taylor Mill	79%	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kim King	R-Harrodsburg	64%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Martha King	D-Lewisburg	79%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Adam Koenig	R-Erlanger	93%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jimmie Lee	D-Elizabethtown	79%	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stan Lee	R-Lexington	64%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	X	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Brian Linder	R-Dry Ridge	64%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mary Lou Marzian	D-Louisville	86%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Donna Mayfield	R-Winchester	79%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thomas McKee	D-Cynthiana	79%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
David Meade	R-Stanford	79%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reginald Meeks	D-Louisville	86%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Michael Lee Meredith	R-Brownsville	93%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Suzanne Miles	R-Owensboro	86%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Charles Miller	D-Louisville	93%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Terry Mills	D-Lebanon	86%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Brad Montell	R-Shelbyville	93%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tim Moore	R-Elizabethtown	79%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rick Nelson	D-Middlesboro	64%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
David Osborne	R-Prospect	93%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sannie Overly	D-Paris	79%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Darryl Owens	D-Louisville	86%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ruth Ann Palumbo	D-Lexington	86%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tanya Pullin	D-South Shore	71%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ryan Quarles	R-Georgetown	86%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Marie Rader	R-McKee	86%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rick Rand	D-Bedford	86%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jody Richards	D-Bowling Green	71%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Steven Riggs	D-Louisville	86%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tom Riner	D-Louisville	71%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bart Rowland	R-Tompkinsville	79%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Steven Rudy	R-West Paducah	79%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sal Santoro	R-Florence	71%	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jonathan Shell	R-Lancaster	71%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
John Short	D-Mallie	71%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Arnold Simpson	D-Covington	79%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kevin Sinnette	D-Ashland	79%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rita Smart	D-Richmond	86%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Diane St. Onge	R-Lakeside Park	86%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
John Stacy	D-West Liberty	64%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	X
Fitz Steele	D-Hazard	64%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jim Stewart	R-Flat Lick	64%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wilson Stone	D-Scottsville	79%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Greg Stumbo	D-Prestonsburg	86%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tommy Thompson	D-Owensboro	86%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
John Tilley	D-Hopkinsville	79%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tommy Turner	R-Somerset	71%	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kenneth Upchurch	R-Monticello	71%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Ben Waide	R-Madisonville	71%	No	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	X	X	Yes	Yes	Yes
David Watkins	D-Henderson	86%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gerald Watkins	D-Paducah	86%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jim Wayne	D-Louisville	79%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	X
Russell Webber	R-Shepardsville	79%	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Susan Westrom	D-Lexington	86%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Addia Wuchner	R-Burlington	71%	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Brent Yonts	D-Greenville	86%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jill York	R-Grayson	79%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



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